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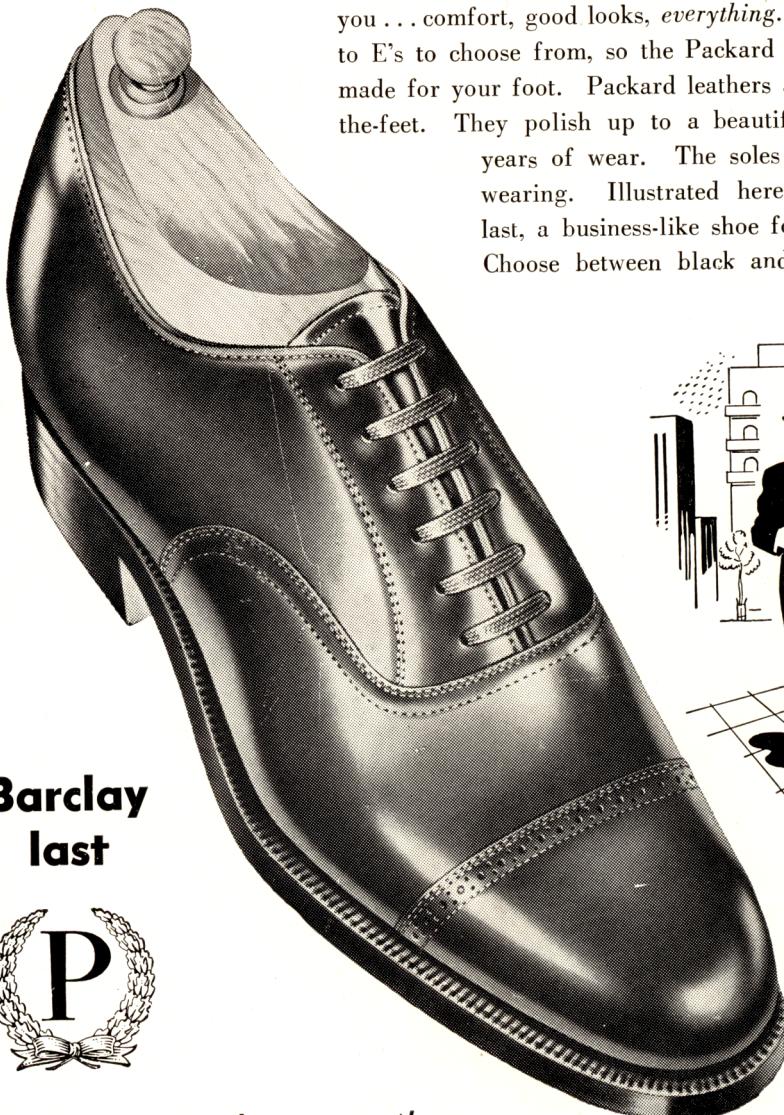
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KEEPING POSTED

MEMBERS had their share of successes at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting on October 3rd, 5th and 7th. Hydrogen, a horse that has been a most consistent and workmanlike performer season after season without, perhaps, having the "colour" of some of the other stars, took the Colin Stephen Stakes on the Saturday. This brought his winnings for Mr. E. R. Williams to over £48,000 — the highest figure of any horse now racing in Australia. Only Shannon, and Phar Lap ever have topped this total. Hydrogen ran a very close second to champion Carioca in the Metropolitan on the Monday; his form may mean that he will substantially improve his winning figures before the end of the season.

PRINCE MORVI, owned by Joe Harris and Stephen Blau, started a hot favourite in the A.J.C. Derby, and, well ridden by jockey N. Sellwood, made no mistake in taking the race from Electro by three-quarters of a length. Members in the Club on Tuesday, 6th, were given the opportunity of celebrating the win with the two owners, and of wishing them every success for the horse in the Victorian Derby, and, maybe, the Cup later.

MR. E. R. WILLIAMS is also doing well with another Delville Wood horse, Lord Forrest. He took the Squatters' Handicap on the Saturday, and the Sydney Handicap on the following Wednesday, beating the fancied Friendly Feeling by a neck.

WHEN you're on to a good thing, stick to it, could well be in the thoughts of members of the N.S.W. Trotting Club in their elections for officers held recently. Members of Tattersall's are well represented. W. J. Dunlop was re-elected President, Alton Cusick Vice-President, J. R. Reeves Treasurer — both the last-named being unopposed. Congratulations are certainly in order.

ARTHUR NORTON, recently returned from a health-trip overseas, was warmly welcomed by his many friends. But it was great regret that they heard that he will no longer call the odds—he has resigned from fielding and handed his licence back to the A.J.C., feeling that his health is still not good enough for him to be able to continue.

EDITORIAL: How's the Time?

Time is a great mint, working the clock round; and, as to the era of its establishment, Time was there at the creation, and will be to the end —if there is any end to Time on this plane.

Anybody may draw on Time; the improvident equally with the thrifty; but, sooner or later comes the reckoning. Time closes your account. Cheques drawn thereafter on Time bounce; the shutter is pulled down; the blinds drawn. All the hammering in the world won't alter things. So we should make the most of Time and, though we may draw liberally, still provide a

personal reserve on which to operate when the shutter is slammed. Our plan should be, not only to build up a competence, but to store friendship and recollections.

These will be found to be the real compensations as Time is running out—the friends you have made in club, the memories you may recall, the goodwill you have established, the consciousness that you are regarded as a fellow worth while.

If you do not happen to be thinking that way, there is still time to begin.

Happy Birthday to You!

OCTOBER

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Russell F. Smith	E. W. Vandenberg
2 Dr. H. M. Owen W. Ross Alexander	17 S. Norman H. C. Henderson.
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14 H. Townsend A. Les. Cooper E. L. Paul	29 G. B. (Bert) Bowser
	30 David G. Cohen
	31 D. J. Robertson

NOVEMBER

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5 K. J. Polking- horne	M. M. Watson
Dr. N. H. Rose	21 S. Peters
7 K. S. Irwin	A. R. Harrison
9 W. H. Travers	A. L. Naughton
Stan Williams	22 M. Zammit
10 J. J. Goad	J. R. Reeves
12 D. G. Oakley	23 D. N. Alexander
A. Sakzewski	G. Crichton- Smith
13 J. P. Ryan	A. W. Perry
J. D. Stuart	V. Newhouse
John Fisher	John W. O'Brien
14 D. Mackie	24 H. B. Adams
15 Harold Sidgreaves	25 T. T. Manning
G. C. Beards. more	R. C. Dewley
E. D. Shaw	J. Hardiman
17 F. D. Foskey	26 R. R. Coote
Dr. Hal Sel'e	27 L. Noakes
18 L. W. McIntosh	28 W. H. Davies
V. A. Thick- nesse	L. Wills
	30 H. (Barney) Fay.

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. W. I. Hill



A. E. CRUTTENDEN and W. I. Hill have also recently returned from trips abroad. **W. I. Hill** is pictured here in the formal morning dress he wore at English meetings — perhaps a fore-taste of Randwick next Autumn.

AMONG other members who have returned for the Spring racing are Charlie Young, who thoroughly enjoyed his visit to England; and R. Connecannon, back from a world tour.

IT was particularly pleasant to see Stan Chatterton back in the Club, well on the road to recovery after his spell in hospital. W. J. Blyth also is rapidly regaining his good health, we are glad to report.

TREASURER JACK ROLES will be missed for a while by his many friends; he's down in Melbourne for the Spring Carnival—the first of many members who will soon be making the Great Annual Pilgrimage.

SICK list report: Arthur Harrison is out and about again after his recent illness; Fred Ruthven is a patient at All Saints, Clifton Gardens; Vic Newhouse is having a spell in Netherleigh Hospital, Randwick. Best wishes to them, and to all other members on The List, for a quick recovery to good health.

TWO old Club associations were broken during the last week or two. In Melbourne, we heard with regret of the passing of Robert McLeish, a pioneer of the film industry, veteran member of several Victorian racing clubs, President of the Green Room Club since 1920. He was an old friend of many members, and had frequently been with us in Sydney.

MEMBERS were saddened to hear on October 13th that Pat Osborne had passed away at the fine old age of 84. For years he had conducted the famous "Willeroo" Stud at Tarago; he was a member of the A.J.C. Committee for a quarter-century, and vice-chairman for several years—and a member of this Club since 1905. He owned the champion mare Valicare, and Excitement (imp.), the sire of Melbourne Cup winner Russia.

**S P E C I A L
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**Dancing and
Concert**
**in the Dining Room on
Saturday, 24th October**



Jon Henricks Star Turn of Swimming Ball

Star turns of the Swimming Club's Annual Ball on Saturday, 19th September, were a brilliant exhibition swim over 100 yards in 52.3 secs. by Australian Champion Jon Henricks and a slashing finish in the seven men aside Teams Race in which inches separated the three teams.

IT need not be said that these things did not happen on the Ballroom floor, but in the pool during the popular Pool Interlude which has made the Ball so popular over the years.

Announcer Jack Dexter had the guests in the Ballroom a bit intrigued when he announced that during the Pool Show the Japanese champion would give an exhibition swim. Of course he should have said the champion of Japan, for this was Jon Henricks' first Australian appearance since his return from the Land of Cherry Blossoms, where he won the 100 and 200 metres championships.

Anyway Jon's smooth and effortless action over the five laps had the onlookers unprepared for the 52.3 seconds time announced, and some were even so unkind as to say that the time wasn't "dinkum."

It was, though, as three watches all got the same, though the ease of Henricks' action is very deceptive.

One of these days he's going to break 50 seconds in the pool when he's really in nick, that's sure.

He also showed in a three

lap effort how hard he is going to be to beat in the Backstroke Championships.

The seven aside Scratch Teams' Race, each man swimming two laps, was a real thriller and a tribute to the handicapper and grader, the finish being so close that spectators argued that each of the teams should have been placed first and some reckoned no race could end up so close without it being "fixed."

There was no question of any "dead 'uns" as every swimmer was out to get one of the perfume prizes for his lady nominator.

Last men off were the teams' captains, Carl Phillips, Fred Harvie and Bill Kendall, the last named giving the other two a goodly start.

With a lightning finish Bill just failed to get up and was placed only third, Carl Phillips being first by a touch from Fred Harvie with Kendall a fingernail at most away in third place.

Best tribute to the excitement of the race was by S.T.C. Chairman Harry Tancred, who said that the organisers could put on such a race in the Rosehill Racecourse lake any old

time and draw a few extra thousands. Anyway, he was sure that such a finish warranted a camera.

At the Pool, Club Chairman John Hickey presented the trophies for the season, the most popular presentation being that of the "Native Son" Trophy to Bill Kirwan, who for so many years has presented the trophy to the Club. This time he won it himself and the members of the Swimming Club saw to it that the trophy was a fitting one for so popular a sportsman.

Other trophies presented by the Chairman were: "Native Son" Trophies, donated by Bill Kirwan, 2nd, F. Harvie; 3rd, Clive Hoole and 5th, Peter Lindsay. Fourth prize was won by John Dexter who did not attend until later in the evening, or earlier in the morning, whichever way you like, after being at a wedding.

Championship, donated by Alf Collins: 1st, W. Kendall; 2nd and 3rd prize winners, Malcolm Fuller and John Dexter, were not there to receive their trophies.

Monthly Point Scores, donated by Clive Hoole and Arthur McCamley: P. B. Lindsay, J. N. Creer, S. Murray, J. Shaffran, W. Kirwan (two) and Clive Hoole (two). Other winners, Bob Harris and Bruce Chiene were unavoidably absent whilst

George Goldie was recuperating from a serious illness and so could not be there.

"T.M.S." Trophies: These, for swimmers who swam consistently all the season but without any luck, were won by Trevor Barrell, Arthur McCamley and Harris Davis.

Teams' Race Trophies: Perfumery prizes were presented to the nominators of members of the winning team, Mesdames Carl Phillips, K. Francis, M. Sellen, J. Shaffran, G. Boulton, K. Doyle and N. P. Murphy.

Once again the Ball was a pronounced success, some said it was the best ever, the friendly surroundings of our Club making all the guests feel at home so that joyous festivity was the keynote of the evening.

The Swimming Club desires to record its appreciation of the excellent organisation of Club Secretary, Dave Dawson, officials and staff, without whose co-operation the function could not have been the success it was.

The 1953/4 Swimming Season is set down to commence on Tuesday, 13th October, with the heats of a 40 yards Handicap.

Thereafter race heats will be held every Tuesday, and finals on Thursdays. All old members will be warmly welcomed and new members will be particularly welcome at these weekly events.

BOWLING NOTES



We have had another successful month, playing three and winning all.

AGAINST Kensington we won by the narrow margin of one shot, but unfortunately the cards were mislaid so we are not able to give details. On September 17 we visited North Sydney Club, who entertained us royally, the game resulting in a win for Tatts by 12 shots.

Details: Abbott, O'Regan, O'Shea, Booth (T.), 25; Hillman, Allen, Lambert, Grant (N.S.), 25; Mitchell, H. Jones, Turner, Buckle (T.), 18; Delmege, Baker, Hall, Rain (N.S.), 18; Ball, Williams, Monro, N. Jones (T.), 26; Hollingsworth, Tuck, Healey, Stodart (N.S.), 18; Hale, Traversi, Silk, Peters (T.), 24; Vandenberg, Davis, Catto, Rolle (N.S.) 20. Total: Tatts, 93; North Sydney, 81.

On September 24 we entertained the U.L.V.A. at Double Bay, where a grand game was played against an exceptionally fine lot of bowlers. Throughout the afternoon the bowling was exceptionally keen and we were

pleased to have a winning margin of nine shots when the game ended. On this day we had quite a lot of bowlers over — 2½ rinks, but they all had a good game.

Details: Mitchell, Stevenson, Silk, N. Jones (T.), 32; Tollhurst, Allen, J. Rose, W. Williams (U.L.V.A.), 18; Buckle, Dewdney, Emanuel, Hill (T.), 29; A. Jones, Kerr, J. Murphy, J. O'Neill (U.L.V.A.), 20; Davis, Saulwick, Turner, Traversi (T.), 18; Richardson, O'Regan, O'Shea, Bennett (U.L.V.A.), 30; Ball, Mackie, Monro, Booth (T.), 23; Johns, Fallon, Cave, Plasto (U.L.V.A.), 25. Totals: Tatts, 102; U.L.V.A., 93.

Entries are now coming in well for our mid-week tournament at Double Bay, and the unaffiliated clubs can look forward to a good competition. For the pairs' competition for Tatt's members there are now over fifty names on the board. We hope this number will increase to 64 and byes be thus avoided.



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HOURS :

Mon. to Fri.: 11.30 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.45; Saturdays : 11 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

HAND BALL



Thompson wins Winooka Trophy

DEFEATS PETER LINDSAY IN FINAL

SCORE BOARD COMPLETE

G. McGilvray,	v.	Eastment	Eastment				
G. Eastment,							
A. McCamley,	v.	Boulton					
G. Boulton,							
W. Kirwan,	v.	Chatterton					
C. Chatterton,							
G. Goldie,	v.	Thicknesses					
V. Thicknesses,							
C. Woodfield,	v.	Woodfield					
G. Pratten,							
P. Lindsay,	v.	Lindsay					
A. Magill,							
W. Phillips,	v.	Laforest					
G. Laforest,							
H. E. Davis,	v.	Barrell					
Neil Barrell,							
J. Shaffran,	v.	Shaffran					
B. Adams,							
L. A. Silk,	v.	Barrell					
T. Barrell,							
H. Castles,	v.	Castles					
E. T. Penfold,							
M. Sellen,	v.	Hill					
P. Hill,							
J. O. Dexter,	v.	Thompson					
E. Thompson,							
B. Partridge,	v.	Partridge					
G. Godhard,							
M. Fuller,	v.	Buckle					
J. Buckle,							
F. Harvie,	v.	Davis					
E. E. Davis,							

IN the Eastment - Thicknesses contest, Viv. was too strong for Geoff, and was a comfortable winner with the score 41-35.

The Thicknesses v. Lindsay game then went on and was a very good display. Peter Lindsay carried just a little too many guns for Viv., and won 41-36 after a very hard tussle. Both men played in the best sporting spirit of the Club, and some of the rallies were as good as any that I have seen played in this Competition and was a most enjoyable game to watch. The very able umpiring by Fred Harvie contributed in no small measure to the contest being such a good one. I feel that Fred derived a great amount of pleasure by officiating.

The finalists were Eric Thompson (handicap 24) v. Peter Lindsay (handicap 9.) This game was set down for September 25 at 1 p.m. The umpire was Sam Block. Both chaps trained hard in the meantime, and so the day arrived with each man fit and well and confident of success.

They were players of opposite types, Thompson being more subtle, letting nothing ruffle him, getting every shot back,

giving nothing away, and generally wearing his opponent down. And so the game went on, Peter going for his shots trying to force a win. Eric grim and steady, waiting for the points to come his way, eventually winning by 41-36. A well deserved and popular victory. Sam Block was his usual sure self as the umpire.

And, so ends one of the most popular and interesting competitions which the Club has ever arranged, and congratulations must go to the winner and the runner-up, also to all the other competitors for playing, which helped to make it the success that it was, also the Club Committee, who arranged everything.

After a short respite the Committee will be on the job again arranging the Club Handball Championships in three grades: A, B and C. All budding champs are therefore advised to go into strict training, find out their grading and get ready to do their best to become a Club Champion at Handball.

PERSONAL

Congratulations to the McCamley family for being successful again with Battle Step at the Hawkesbury Race Club meeting on 20th September 1953. Also, to Stephen Blau and Joe Harris for their success with "Prince Morvi" in the Canterbury Guineas and A.J.C. Derby.

Welcome home to Zaide Lazarus after a trip to England and Europe. He has been seen on the third floor looking fit and well. We are glad to see him again.

My Hero is N.Z.s Best Cup Hope

New Zealand bred horses of varying ages have consistently hit the Australian headlines and they will continue to do so. It is likely the familiar "N.Z." after a horse's name will once again be a feature of racing results over the Melbourne spring carnival as Dominion owners once again are set on lifting the Melbourne Cup.

OBVIOUSLY inspired by the success of their champion Dalray in the two miler in November of last year and the third placing of Reformed, New Zealand owners sent a strong team to represent them at the Melbourne round of fixtures this and early next month.

Not only New Zealand owned, but horses bred in that country and raced by Australians, have done well in the Melbourne Cup in late years. There is no need to quote cases in point, as readers are well aware of the records and that now is past history.

Visitors from across the Tasman are leaving no stone unturned in an attempt to take away the fat end of the Melbourne Cup stake and there will be no surprise should they achieve their objective. The Cup is to be run at Flemington on Tuesday, November 3.

When first acceptances were declared shortly before this was written the following New Zealand owned horses figured in the list and there seemed little doubt about their eventual appearance in the Cup line-up: Windsor, My Hero, Reformed, Earldom, and Royal Tower, quite a formidable quintet, and from which the Cup winner could easily emerge.

Perhaps My Hero, which at

time of writing was one of the best fancied horses, will be New Zealand's chief representative. He is weighted at 8.6 or one pound less than Windsor. My Hero is regarded as the glamour horse of the visiting contingent and experts on the other side of the Tasman anticipate a bright season by this six-year-old Neptune stallion who is raced and trained by O. F. Watson.

However, when Australians go through the records of My Hero and his fellow travellers in quest of the big money to be won in Melbourne in the immediate future, their form hasn't been too striking. My Hero really hasn't been lucky in important staying races though he has been placed at two miles. He has no New Zealand win at that distance, but hard luck stories have been associated with his performances at the sixteen furlongs.

My Hero was lightly raced at two years but won one six furlongs event at that age, at Canterbury. At three years he was out of place on nine occasions but reached minor placings in classic events. He won a Wellington Hack Handicap, at one mile, with 8.11, but a Hack Handicap in New Zealand is not exactly a mild affair.

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ACTUALLY, Arthur Bull's first choice in the field of athletics was swimming. He swam as a boy with Manly Club, and had hopes of reaching somewhere near the top. A chance suggestion by a friend, Jack Hoskings — son of the M.L.A. — took him one Saturday afternoon to Leichhardt Rowing Club to try his hand at sculling, and the sport soon exercised a fascination over him that made him forget serious swimming.

Whether it was the good company in the Club, the pleasure of harbour rowing, or the satisfaction of perfecting a natural aptitude — or all three — Arthur soon found sculling taking most of his spare time and attention. Soon he developed into a single sculler of a standard far beyond anything his Club had produced before, and capped a highly successful season in 1921 by

taking the N.S.W. Single Sculls Championship.

Later in the same year he won the Australian Championship on the Parramatta River. The following year he took the State title again, and in 1923 he defended his National Championship over in West Australia, on the Swan, and was again successful.

1924 was an Olympic year, and Arthur Bull was an early choice for the Games in Paris. He went over with the famous Murray Bridge Eight also representing Australia at the Olympics. Arthur won his heat, won his semi-final and looked to have a fair chance in the Olympic final when fate stepped in with one of the cruellest blows that can befall the athlete — he was found to be suffering from a strained heart at the very peak of his career.

Champion Sculler and Champion at Billiards

ARTHUR BULL HAS HAD FINE LIFE OF SPORT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

It's an easily-established fact that most champion athletes excel at more than one sport; the muscular co-ordination, the winning determination that carry them to the top in one game serve them equally well in almost any other they care to take up. There are examples enough of tennis stars who also play par golf; of footballers who shine just as well at cricket. But rarely has there been an athlete who excelled, as Arthur Bull has, in two fields as diverse as sculling and billiards . . . let alone reached championship class in each.

Bitterly disappointed, Arthur had to withdraw, not knowing whether he had to face the rest of his life as a sort of semi-invalid or not. Actually, his condition improved when the strain of intensive training was removed, and a few weeks later he was fit enough to be playing competition tennis. He and Dennis Duigan entered the Dublin Tennis Championships, more as a joke than anything, and were good enough to win through the first two rounds of the doubles before coming up against opposition that speedily eliminated them.

But he did not compete as an oarsman again. He had played his part in helping to lift the standard of Australian rowing. The following year, 1925, a young sculler named Bobby Pearce stepped into his shoes and became the new National champion.

You can't keep a good man

down; and only a few years later—in 1936—the name of A. G. Bull was on the Championship list again, this time in the State billiards. Arthur had always liked knocking the balls around the table, he was fortunate in having been brought up in a home that boasted a full size table and in having the tuition of a father who was a fair cueist himself.

Even in his Olympic days he enjoyed an occasional game—he recalls how he and Nick Winter the hop, step and jump champion, felt a sudden urge to play a friendly game in London in 1924. They walked about four miles to find a place to play, paid their good money for a hundred-up, even paid a penny for the use of the chalk. Arthur broke up the balls, handed the table to Nick Winter who promptly proceeded to go out without further ado. The proprietor of the saloon stopped Winter at the 100 mark, so neither he nor Arthur ever knew what the size of the break might have been.

Whether that encounter spurred Arthur to improve his game or not, he was playing well by 1936 and won the N.S.W. Championships. Selected to represent the State in the Australian Billiards Championships, he did well to be second only to the West Australian phenomenon, Bob Marshall.

In 1936, the question of Marshall's eligibility to play as an amateur was in question, and much to Arthur Bull's embarrassment, the matter came before the Australian Billiards Council for decision—and Arthur was N.S.W. Delegate on the Council. It stands as an everlasting record to his good sense and good sportsmanship that it was Arthur Bull's casting vote after a three day intermittent

discussion that ruled Marshall as acceptable and confirmed him as Australian Champion for that year.

Bob Marshall, in Arthur's opinion, is probably the greatest amateur billiards player the world has known. The two have been friends of many years' standing—a friendship that has easily survived the fact that Arthur has three times been runner-up in the Australian Championships, on two occasions to Marshall.

The record shows that Arthur won the State Billiards Championship in 1936, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1952—he did not compete in 1951 nor this year. He has played in the Australian Championships in every State of the Commonwealth—and made a break of over 200 in each except N.S.W.—his best a 275 in Melbourne in 1950. He came nearest to taking the National title in 1947 when he became the first player in eleven years to defeat Bob Marshall, but he later lost to Tom Cleary.

His game that year against Marshall will long be remembered in Amateur Billiards circles—it was in Adelaide. Arthur was 430 behind at 8.45 with the time-limit set for nine o'clock, and most of the spectators were packing up to go home. But he came from behind with a series of fine breaks and won at the bell by 14—with the fine average of 31.3 for the match.

Just to complete the record, Arthur won the State Snooker title in 1951.

In 1950, he went as player-manager with Bob Marshall and Tom Cleary on a New Zealand tour that created a deal of interest over there. They played an Australasian Championship for the first time, with Marshall coming first, Cleary second,

Arthur Bull third and the New Zealand champion, Rupert Garrick, fourth. Garrick, a particularly fine player, has now turned professional, and is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his famous countryman, Clark McConachy.

Clark, also, is an old friend of Arthur. Before going to England to become world champion, he practised for many months on the fine table at Arthur's home at Wollstonecraft making five breaks of over 1,000; in return, teaching him the principles of nursery cannons. In fact Arthur Bull can claim that most of the amateurs of note, and many of the world's professionals, have performed on his table and enjoyed his hospitality.

On the administrative side he has been a member of the committee of the Amateur Billiards Association of N.S.W. for 20 years, and was made a life-member when he resigned this year. He has several other aspects of this full and active life—he played golf at Manly off 11-8, and has been a successful merchant for many years.

He has a moderate interest in racing, being a not-very-successful punter. At the moment, Arthur has a desire to join the ranks of the owners, and is a prospect for anyone with a yearling to sell and a convincing sales-story. But you had better hurry, because he will be off to New Zealand later this month on a business-with-pleasure trip.

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Warwick Farm— Its Changes and Chances

The present generation of racegoers have become accustomed to the Farm as an adjunct to Randwick, for it was purchased by the A.J.C. in 1922 and was handed over formally to the senior club in 1923. But the story of Warwick Farm goes back considerably further than that.

WARWICK FARM in the early 1870's was just the farm of the late Mr. William Forrester, but its possibilities as a race-course were realised, and a syndicate was formed which purchased the property for £16,000. The syndicate was comprised of Messrs. W. Forrester, E. E. A. Oatley, C. Westbrook, and J. Thompson.

In those early days transport as judged by the modern standard, was primitive, and racegoers had to walk from the main southern railway line to the course. Later, it was decided that a private railway was necessary, and this combined with the necessary buildings, cost approximately an additional £15,000.

The syndicate battled along, despite some very lean years, with pony opposition a big factor. In 1893 Mr. Oatley became the purchaser of the property at public auction for £27,000, but had under the contract to liquidate a number of existing liabilities, bringing his outlay to £30,000. At this stage, Mr. G. W. S. Rowe was secretary, father of Mr. G. T. Rowe, who later became A.J.C. secretary.

With Mr. Oatley's purchase, the fortunes of Warwick Farm improved. A further sum of £5,000 was expended on a training track, and altogether the place became a flourishing concern. So much so that in 1911 a company was formed to take over from Mr. Oatley.

It is interesting to look through the first prospectus and see that just prior to the promotion of the company the business was described as a well-established going concern, showing an 8 p.c. investment on a capital value of £60,000. Before the company actually took over, it was necessary to have a Bill passed through the Legislature enabling the acquirement of about three acres of leasehold land, the compensation money and costs of the Bill to be paid by the proprietors. This provided a permanent railway service to the course gates as at present.

From the inauguration of the company, racing improved, but in 1914 came World War 1. Warwick Farm was taken over by the military authorities, and all meetings were held at Canterbury Park.

The boom years subsequent to 1918 saw racing back on the Farm flourishing to an unexpected level, the company's returns showing a handsome profit for investors. Then in 1922 came the advent of the A.J.C., the last directors of the Warwick Farm Company being Messrs. Cecil V. Oatley, A. J. Whitehouse and Percy A. Oatley.

The purchase price was £75,000. Unfortunately, the earlier history repeated itself, for no sooner was the senior club in charge when came a further depression. However, with Randwick's resources be-

hind it, and with moderately good results from the suburban course, even when the depression was at its worst, the new management of the Farm managed to break even.

When the Australian Jockey Club took over Warwick Farm a comprehensive scheme of improvements was introduced and continued during the early '30s. The old buildings were scrapped and up-to-date stands, and totalisator house, were erected. Travelling facilities were also improved by the electric trains, replacing the old steam-drawn rolling-stock.

The reconstruction of one of the stands in 1925 necessitated a few meetings being held at Randwick.

Quite early the A.J.C. Committee realised the possibilities of the spring and autumn meetings leading up to the major fixtures at Randwick. Now they are recognised as very important days in the calendar with the Kirkham Stakes for two-year-olds, run in the December meetings, one of the leading juvenile events of the season.

A decided step forward toward popularising Warwick Farm was taken in 1933. The rules were amended for members, including the right of admission to the Farm. Right from that time attendances visibly increased. From the early days Warwick Farm has been considered to be an accurate training and trial course, and visitors during recent seasons have shown a disposition to favour it again.

Mr. Forrester, and at his death, Mr. Oatley, occupied the old homestead adjoining the



A historic photo taken on the day of the official opening of Warwick Farm under the direction of the A.J.C.—19th March, 1925. On the left, Chairman of the A.J.C., Sir Colin Stephen; centre, Secretary C. W. Cropper; on right, J. Spencer Brunton, A.J.C. committeeman and prominent owner.

—Photo, kindly lent by A.J.C.

course, the latter installing the late Jack Gough as his private trainer. There was a complete equipment with 25 loose boxes, and the George's River available for swimming. Good winners trained at the Farm during those old days were names which mean something even to-day. We know the names and exploits of The Graftor, Gaulus, Highborn and The Watchdog, who did their daily toil at the Farm.

A heavy covering of couch grass was considered an essential in the early days, making

the track not one of the fastest in Sydney, but since the re-opening of the Farm the grass has been cut much shorter, and, accordingly, fast gallops both in races and on the training track have been more customary than otherwise.

Possibly one of the most discussed features at Warwick Farm prior to the course being taken over by the A.J.C. was the false rail. This device generally was believed to be effective in giving horses running behind the leaders a chance to

come through on the inside if good enough, and it is claimed by the original owners of the course that it did not provide one accident and justified its existence. Even in the early days, the course was popular with owners and trainers, for entries and fields were always well up to standard, despite the distance from the city and the high cost of transport of horses, a big item in those days.

The more recent story of the Farm scarcely needs to be told here. During World War II, history repeated itself, and Warwick Farm was closed. Before re-opening last season, the A.J.C. spent a great deal of time, trouble and money, to make the course completely up-to-date, and the public appointments among the finest for its size, in the world.

It is interesting to note that in addition to Warwick Farm in the early days, there was a course at the Cross Roads, but it did not reach any greater status than a training track. Also at Chipping Norton, just over the river, there was another private training track. It is possible to conjure up visions of secret trials in those far-off days when £50,000 onslaughts on the bookmakers were plotted and planned. Friday nights were the popular occasions for these councils of war, some of which proved highly successful.



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WOODLANDS—

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Woodlands Stud began in the dining room at Tattersall's Club. Its originator, club member George Ryder, made the decision while playing role of listener to a conversation among a group of trainers, among them the late Bayly Payten. The driving force behind the resolution was to develop a stud with outstanding horses.

GEORGE RYDER says he does not know very much about horses, but that does not quite do justice to this dynamic business man, one of the original directors appointed by the Government when the Sydney Turf Club was brought into being.

He had had horses in Cessnock where his business was motor cars and public transport.

He had raced them; he once

tried training one. He had built up a polo team which in its first season won the Countess of Dudley Cup. And even if he did not then take a great interest in breeding, he was interested enough to catch the enthusiasm of Bayly Payten's assertion that there was room in Australian racehorse breeding for a stud that would make quality its keynote.

Woodlands, near Denman, in the Hunter Valley, was a stud

for many years before it came under the Ryder control.

The old stone homestead and stables, built with stone hewn by convicts from the surrounding hills, was once the home of the Blumes, who bred the A.J.C. Derby winner Prince Humphrey.

When it was disbanded in the late 1920's the rich lime impregnated hills and river flats were turned over to cattle raising.

Before Mr. Ryder secured it the property was owned by former jockey Ted McMenamin, who bred cattle there.

Therefore the land had had a long spell from horse breeding when the Ryder venture began in 1946.

The broad plan was to secure a stallion, and buy in England mares of selected blood lines to augment picked Australian mares which would eventually make up the stud's numerical strength.

Many men have approached the project in this way, but such a plan needs money, and plenty of it. It is not altogether a safe investment, either. Horses are wasting assets at the best of times, and the asset wastes very rapidly indeed if sires and mares do not quickly produce winners.

Business caution counselled not to engage in a spending orgy in the hope that the "jackpot" would shower the guineas at the first pull.

It came the way of the stud to be interested in the syndicat-



A group of likely-looking foals by Newtown Wonder.

ing of the Fair Trial horse, Newtown Wonder (imp.). Mr. Ryder and his keen stud-manager Bill Fletcher, liked the horse from the start and Woodlands bought the horse outright.

Newtown Wonder did hit the jackpot from the start. The first crop was not greatly sought by buyers, but it included five winners of nine races, and that was not a bad beginning for a new stallion.

The next crop created more interest, and well it might, because the list of winners in the past season grew to 25, and they won between them 48 races.

Last Easter the stock by Newtown Wonder created keen interest, so much so that Woodlands moved into third place in the stud averages.

Apparently the prices paid were merited because at the official two-year-old trials 11 of Newtown Wonders stock won four heats and was placed in three others.

But before the first crop by Newtown Wonder raced, the big gamble was begun.

Newtown Wonder had been "incidental." He was to have been the horse to be used while the stud machinery got rolling. Improvements were needed and the routine for the rearing of horses perfected.

The farming side of the venture had to get under way, feed storage, irrigation, and pasture improvement all had to be brought up to proper pitch.

In England the French horses were carrying all before them, and the horses from Marcel Boussac's stud and stables were

carrying all before the French horses.

The plan was to induce the multi-millionaire to sell for Australia a horse that Boussac, himself, would consider good enough to be used in his own establishment.

Woodlands was now on the trail. Through the noted English horseman, Col. Wilfred Lyde, they had established a liaison for the purchase of yearling fillies to be raced in England and subsequently sent out here.

Jan was one of them. She capped her racecourse performance by scooping the board to the w.f.a. trophies at the last Autumn meeting at Randwick before her retirement to Woodlands where she has been mated with Newtown Wonder.

The approach to Boussac was made directly, and with some trepidation, since it was obvious

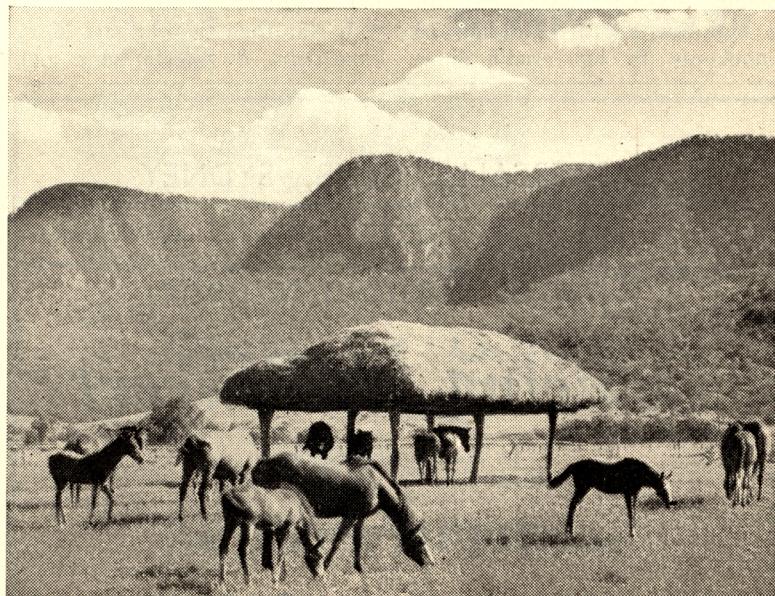
that money, alone, was not the consideration, and that with the Americans on the market for any horse of quality that Boussac might sell, the chances of making a successful bid were slender.

Boussac, through his stud manager, le Compte de Brignac, was most co-operative.

It was suggested that a selection be made between Charleval, a stayer in-bred to the great Boussac sire, Tourbillon and Damnos, best sprinter in France in his year, and a son of Tourbillon's best son, Djebel, and the mare later to prove the dam of Seratch II, winner of the French Derby and the English St. Leger.

Woodlands asked that both horses be made available, since between them they carried all the strains on which the Boussac stud was built.

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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

BOXING

TWENTY - four - year - old Henry "Pappy" Gault's two major ambitions are to take the world bantamweight title from Jimmy Carruthers and to sleep at every available opportunity.

Gault will meet Carruthers for the Australian's world title at the Sydney Sports Ground on November 13.

"Pappy," according to his wide-awake manager, Chris Cline, is probably the sleepiest fighter ever to step into a ring.

William Henry Gault is not so sleepy in the ring. A former Olympic bantamweight representative, he is now number two contender for Jimmy Carruthers' title.

After 47 professional fights, including six losses, "Pappy" is confident he can win the title from Carruthers.

Beetle - browed and broad shouldered, considering his height—5 ft. 3 inches—"Pappy" punches hard with both hands.

He uses his left hand in fast, flicking leads, following up with a club-like right. He has 10 knockouts to his credit since

he turned professional late in 1948.

Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Gault, who speaks with a rich Southern accent, is rarely nervous before a fight. He accepts decisions philosophically whether he thinks they are good or bad.

Gault's mother died when he was two, and his father, a well sinker, left him with friends on a farm near Spartanburg while he travelled across the country on jobs.

The elder Gault, known as "Big Pappy"—he was about five feet tall—died last year at 76. "Little Pappy" as he was called then, remembers his father largely by the glorious street battles he fought which made him a respected Spartanburg identity despite his infrequent visits to the town.

At 16 "Pappy" ran away from home and took a job serving in an ice cream parlour for 15 dollars a week. He still eats ice cream when ice cubes are not available.

It was then that he met Mary Lou Ann, a Spartanburg girl,

whom he married four years later. They have a son, William Henry Junior, aged three besides Mary Lou, born in April.

Soon after his marriage, while working for a telegraph company at 16 dollars a week, "Pappy" became interested in fighting.

"I used to go to the local fights," he says. "After a while I got to thinking that I could beat anyone I saw there."

He did. As an amateur "Pappy" never lost a fight in Spartanburg, and in 1948 was selected as a reserve for the Olympic Games in London. He fought only once overseas—in Ireland—and turned professional when he went home.

QUIST ON TENNIS

UNITED STATES Davis Cup captain Bill Talbert would probably be a stronger doubles partner for Tony Trabert than Vic Seixas.

The U.S.L.T.A. recently named the 35-year-old Talbert as non-playing captain of the four-man team to visit Australia.

But Talbert, though labelled "non-playing captain," could play in Cup games if needed.

The squad comprises Trabert, the U.S. singles champion, Seixas, the Wimbledon winner, and two 20-year-olds, Ham Richardson and Bob Perry.

America will play the winner of the Belgium-India tie in the inter-zone final in Brisbane from December 19-21.

The winner of the final will challenge Australia for the Cup in Melbourne from December 28-31.

The U.S. selectors showed great judgment in appointing Talbert to lead the United States team and indicated they were aware of the importance of a first-class tactician on the court.

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He proved this when he beat Rex Hartwig in the recent U.S. titles.

As a doubles player he is highly skilled from the right court and in many respects would be superior to Seixas.

It is possible he could play the Davis Cup match with Trabert, and I believe this combination would provide more opposition than Seixas and Trabert.

It will be an awkward decision for Talbert and to some extent it will depend on the outcome of tournament play here.

Talbert is popular in big tennis and will have the respect of the members of his team.

He is a good mixer and, having travelled extensively, can handle all the problems associated with a touring side.

By naming Richardson and Perry to accompany Trabert and Seixas, emphasis is once again placed on youth.

Budge Patty would have been a good choice for a reserve singles player, but apparently the Americans do not anticipate any problems with playing Seixas or Trabert, otherwise they would have included him.

Richardson has visited Australia on two occasions and very nearly eliminated Mervyn Rose from the Australian championships last year.

But he has not improved to the same extent as Lewis Hoad or Ken Rosewall, so one must discount his use by the American team as an actual player in the Cup matches.

Perry shows promise, but as he has been given the tour for experience only, it will be necessary for him to gain value from the visit by showing results in our major championships.

SWIMMING

DUAL sprint swimming champion of Japan, Jon Henricks,

18, of Sydney, says that the Japs are swimming fanatics and that Japan is the Mecca for swimmers.

Henricks, who recently returned to Australia after winning the 100 and 200 metres championships of Japan, says that swimming is one of the

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two major sports of Japan—the other being baseball—and that Jap swimmers enjoy facilities that made him envious.

"Japs think more about swimming than anything else, and to be the possessor of the Japanese Olympic Badge is the greatest thing that ever happens to a Jap swimmer," Henricks said.

Henricks said that the Japs were remarkably well informed about the performances of overseas swimmers, and the newspapers printed big stories about swimmers from all over the world. Swimming in Japan received the same space in the Press as racing in Australia.

Swimmers like Furuhashi are national heroes in Japan.

"I was asked many questions about Furuhashi, who is now in Victoria, and I went up in the estimation of questioners when I said that I had met him," Henricks said.

Henricks, however, added that the Japanese were surprised when he said he had never met Australian swimmers John Marshall and Garrick Agnew, who had left for America before he came on the swimming scene.

Japanese know all about the performances of 13 and 14-year-old Australian swimmers such as Murray Rose, Gary Chapman and Brian Elliott. "They have nothing near as good in 13 and 14-year-olds and all expressed the opinion that our junior and juvenile swimmers must be the fastest in the world."

Henricks said that although the Tokio swimming stadium was built for the 1940 Olympic Games, which were abandoned because of World War II, the pool was more modern than any in Australia. It seats 12,000 spectators and has a diving tower with a separate pool 16 feet deep. The tower has five different heights—one, three, five, seven and 10 metre boards enabling divers to practice at varying heights.

The main pool has an all-over depth of at least six feet—the new Olympic requirement. There were no starting blocks at the edge of the pool as the edge was the right height.

The water temperature is between 78 and 80 degrees, much hotter than the Australian pools, which never exceed 74

degrees. Water from the mountains cools the pool down to about 69 just before the championships. The summer heat in Japan is steaming, and was mainly responsible for Marshall's defeats in Japan last year. Henricks, however, was lucky to stay at a modern air-conditioned hotel.

Henricks said that the Japanese trip had exploded several fallacies he had about Jap swimming. He had always thought (as did most Australian swimmers and coaches) that Jap swimmers had a "needle" before a big international race, because of the amazing times they had put up in the past. But he now knows that this is not true, and, in fact, realises that Jap swimmers are "right on the level."

There was nothing "hush hush" about the Japanese coaching methods. They were keen to tell him about their methods and he has nothing but praise for their coaches, who, like swimming officials, were all former swimming champions. The officials and coaches will do anything for sport and the coaches are all amateurs.

Henricks said that he was helped before leaving for Japan by Furuhashi, who in reply to a letter from his coach, Harry Gallagher, sent details of food, water temperature and customs. This proved the Japanese willingness these days to help a "foreign tank star," as he was called by the Japanese Press.

But Henricks says that he did not see any coaching methods in Japan that have not been tried in Australia. He has

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realised that Australian coaching methods are at least as good.

He was surprised to learn, however, that the Japanese like to swim on a full stomach, in contrast to Australian swimmers, who usually diet before a race. The Japanese, he says, eat their normal number of bowls of rice before a race and although they think it is wrong and their university professors have told them so, they continue. Henricks, on the other hand, has nothing to eat for four hours before a race and his meals on the day of the race are much lighter than normal.

Henricks says that he was surprised at his own performances as he wasn't in top condition, and had lost six pounds in weight the week before the races.

"I nearly dropped dead when I clocked 57.4 in the 100 metres final and then recorded 56.9 in salt water at Singapore on the way back."

Japanese races are held in fresh water.

"4-MINUTE MILE"

WES SANTEE (U.S.A.), who took over from Australia's John Landy as world's fastest miler for 1953—with 4 min. 2.4 sec. in June—ran the second "half" in the unprecedented time of 1 min. 57 sec.

By way of comparison, Landy clocked 2 min. 1.1 sec. in his 4:2.1 mile at Melbourne last December; while Gunder Hagg (Sweden) showed 2:2.9 on the way to his world's record effort of 4:1.4 in 1945. Santee's race was run at night in Compton, California, under ideal con-

ditions. Of the six men who faced the starter, one (named West) was a pacemaker, set the task of running the first "half" in 2 min.

West did his job well, but it did not have the desired effect. He whizzed around the first lap in 58 sec., well ahead of Belgium's amazing veteran, Gaston Reiff (62.7 sec.), Denis Johansson (Finland) and Santee, who was two-tenths behind Reiff. West, as agreed, hit the 880 yd. "peg" dead on 2 min. and gracefully withdrew—also as agreed before the race.

Johansson, in the meantime, had taken charge of the "main bunch," sailing along at a not-too-smart pace to reach the "point of no return" in 2 min. 5.2 sec. Reiff and Santee were very close up, the latter having run the second "quarter" in 62.4

sec. For a world record attempt the pace was distressingly slow. Obviously West had wasted time and energy running so far so fast, and his "hare" act was a complete failure.

The big crowd, lured along in the belief they were going to witness a savage assault on the world record, jeered; and the race promoter is reputed to have been on the verge of tears as he groaned, "It's going to be about 4:10." On the third and often vital—lap Santee came out of his trance. Going along the back straight he surged to the front, pouring on the pace to pass the "three-quarters" in 3 min. 3.5 sec.—lap time: 58.2 sec.

Showing his true form, Santee never flagged over the last 440 yds., which he covered in 58.9

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sec., to give him a "grand total" of 4 min. 2.4 sec. Santee thus became the fifth fastest miler in history (behind Hagg, Anderson, Bannister and Landy), while his time is the seventh best ever recorded.

The tall (6 ft. 1 in.), solidly built, 20-year-old Santee, son of a rancher, and a student at the University of Kansas, lowered Hagg's American "all comers" record of 4 min. 5.3 sec. (set in 1943) the American citizens record of 4:6 (Bill Hulse, 1943) and his own National Collegiate record of 4:6.3. Johansson ran to second place in 4 min. 4 sec., thus shattering his own Finnish record by 4.6 sec.; while Reiff was third in 4:5.7 (2.9 sec. outside his personal best).

John Landy was not at all surprised at Santee's performance. "I'd been expecting something like that every Monday morning I opened the paper," he said. Several months ago Landy had said he had been greatly impressed with Santee in Helsinki. "I don't quite know why," said John, "because his form there was poor. But there was something about his physique and style that made me think he would go close to the world mile record soon."

Last year Santee won the American AAU 1,500-metres championship in 3 min. 49.3 sec.—at the age of 19! But a week later, in the final Olympic Trials, Santee chose to run the 5,000 metres instead, believing he had more chance of success at this distance. He got into the Olympic team all right, but at the Games he finished near the tail of the field in his heat, clocking well outside 15 min.

Santee, this year, decided the mile was his event, with a few "880's" tossed in for good measure, and to help his college team. Up to only three weeks before his record mile, his best time for the year was 4:12.4. Then, on May 23, he won the Missouri Valley inter-collegiate mile in 4 min. 6.3 sec.; and less than an hour later the 880 yd. in 1:50.8. A week later—just five days before the Compton mile—Santee again scored a "double," returning 4:7.4 and 1:54.5.

After his Compton success, Santee said, "I came out here to win the race, but I really didn't expect to run it so fast. I'd figured about 4.4." Then he added, "It was a tough way to run a 4:2.4 mile." By this Santee meant the comparatively slow pace set by Reiff and

Johansson behind the conscientious Mr. West.

Santee's coach, popular Bill Easton, said, "Naturally we have our eyes set on that 'Four-minute Mile,' but there's still a lot of work to be done."

ATHLETICS

WOMEN athletes who have been our stars for the past three years, may have only two representatives at next year's Vancouver Games, omitting several possible winners and place-getters.

Women athletic officials are greatly concerned at recent decisions by the Australian British Empire Games Federation and the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia to restrict the team.

The Empire Games Federation aims to send at least 38 representatives to the Games at a cost of approximately £22,000.

The federation has budgeted for the following team: Rowing (4), boxing (3), wrestling (3), fencing (3), cycling (5), athletics (10), weight-lifting (3) and swimming (7).

The AAU of Australia has stated that the athletic team will be eight men and two women.

Women officials will again have to raise extra finance if they are to send more than their quota of two, although the women's athletic standard in Australia is higher than that of any other of the nominated sports.

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Six boxers, four wrestlers and six fencers did not get a place.

But four women athletes scored three wins, one third, two fourths and a fifth place and lost a relay by dropping a baton.

At the 1950 Empire Games at Auckland, nine women athletes won six titles in record time as well as gaining four minor places.

Our main Empire Games hopes, Marjorie Jackson and Shirley Strickland, if available, are certain to be the only girls selected if only two women athletes go to Canada.

Left at home would include:

Winsome Cripps, ranked fourth woman sprinter in the world. Defeated for third place in the Olympic 100 and 200 metres sprints in a photo-finish.

Gwen Wallace, 17. Has recorded 11.5 sec. for 80 metres hurdles—1-10 sec. better than Shirley Strickland's winning time in the final at the 1950 Empire Games.

Erica Willis, 18, whose 19 ft. 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ in. equals the jump by Olympic champion Yvette Williams (N.Z.) in winning the last Empire title. On that jump she could gain first or second place at Vancouver.

Also a class sprinter who could gain an Empire title place and strengthen our relay team.

Verna Johnston, a member of our world record breaking 440 yard relay squad.

Valarie Lawrence, 18, brilliant shot put exponent, who holds the national record of 37 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and is reputed to have broken her record by a foot this year. Could win the Empire title.

RACING

Phar Lap's colours—red, with black and white hooped sleeves and red cap—were carried at Rosehill on Saturday, 19th September, for the first time in 22 years.

They were worn by apprentice Laurie Billett, rider of Urvashi, trained by Harry Telford, for the first time since Break Up carried them.

Telford was trainer and part-owner of Phar Lap, probably the greatest racehorse of all time.

Urvashi, who was having his first run, finished last.

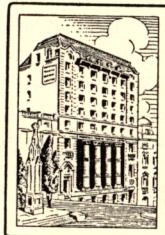
The Phar Lap link was extended later in the day when Silver Hawk, trained by Telford, won the Rosehill Guineas.

Phar Lap won the same race in 1929.

Jockey Ray Selkrig used the saddle in which Jim Pike and Billy Elliott won many races on Phar Lap.

Silver Hawk is a big, upstanding colt who, according to Telford, is a trifle more advanced physically than Phar Lap was at the same stage of his career.

Phar Lap was one of the first horses to break the Rosehill Guineas "hoodoo" and win the A.J.C. Derby.



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If any trotting trainer should know something about Harold Park track it is Sutton McMillan, who in 25 years has travelled tens of thousands of miles around the Sydney course.

SINCE McMillan came to Sydney from the Riverina district of N.S.W. 25 years ago, he has trained regularly at Harold Park. He has seen the track reconstructed three or four times, and he has watched the game improve since racing started under lights.

McMillan, one of Sydney's leading trainers and drivers for years, is still among the leaders in the premiership each season.

He has had many champions in his stable, and he has had almost 500 wins at Harold Park.

His daytime champions were Tona Wirra, Miss Lawnham, Johnnie Lawn and Dakar. He drove Dakar in the last three of 14 successive wins and McMillan was all but out of pocket after each win.

In those wins Dakar started at 5/2 on, 6/1 on and 10/1 on. Prizemoney was low and after McMillan deducted his share as trainer and paid strappers and stablehands he was left with almost no profit.

It was fitting that when night-racing was legalised, Sutton McMillan drove the first winner "under lights" at Harold Park. That was on October 1, 1949, in the Initial Qualifying Stakes, when Altivolo held off the 5/4 favourite Retinue (P. J. Hall) to win by a head.

McMillan made use of all his "local knowledge" to win with Altivolo. He had the pacer a narrow leader along the back and straightened up with a slight advantage. He had to use all his vigour to stall off Retinue,

who later won many top class races.

As in the daytime, Sutton went from one success to another at night meetings. During season, 1951-52 he had a great deal of success with the pacer, Lawnrock, with whom he won seven races. That season Sutton drove 12 winners.

McMillan is well known throughout Australia and New Zealand as a top class trainer and reinsman. His horses always look well and are trained to the minute.

He is a familiar figure at the Harold Park track on training mornings, and it is estimated that he drives nearly 40 miles at each training session.

Generally, McMillan has from 12 to 16 horses in his stables and has a non-stop system of working them. Usually he works his horses about eight laps of the track, four slow and four fast—a distance of almost four miles.

When he has finished working one horse he drives it to the stables, where another is ready. He jumps from one gig to another and returns to the track, leaving his foreman to tend the horse that has just worked.

McMillan has been doing this at the Harold Park course nearly every training morning for the past 25 years. The mileage he has travelled around Harold Park is almost equivalent to a drive around the world.

Last season McMillan drove 13 winners, with doubles on

May 28 and July 11. On May 28, Sutton won both divisions of the Qualifying Stakes with Harry's Hope and Dark Dell.

His win on Dark Dell was the culmination of more than 12 months' care and attention. The five-year-old daughter of famous Lawn Derby was stripped so badly during a race that it was thought she would not race again.

McMillan brought the mare along gradually until she was ready to win, and scored by a length and a half from Marian's Hope.

On July 11, McMillan won again, with Harry's Hope, and completed a double with Direct Attack, who recorded his second successive win. Both horses started favourite.

Direct Attack (6/4 on) gave a brilliant exhibition to win the Yass Handicap. From 12 yards, McMillan had to drive Direct Attack hard to get into a good position outside the leader, Regal Prince. McMillan kept the horse there until nearing the turn, where he gained a length break, sufficient to hold off Beamish Lad and win by half a length.

McMillan, who is seen to advantage on front runners, is one of the best judges of pace in the sport, and is in constant demand as the driver of a pace-maker in record attempts.

He was associated with Lawn Derby's record attempt at Harold Park in 1940, when the former champion ran a mile in 2.2. This stood as the track record until Lawn Derby's son, Avian Derby, ran two minutes—the present Australian record—in 1952.

Looking Back on Tattersall's Club



October, 1932

HIghlight of Club life of October, 1932, was the visit of Count de Baillet Latour, Chairman of the Olympic Council and President of the Belgian Jockey Club. A luncheon was given in his honour, at which he particularly praised the efforts of the small Australian team at the Olympics held at Los Angeles earlier in the year. The Count must have made quite an impression — there are numerous references to him in the Magazine.

SNOWY BAKER, also, was in the news; back from the States on one of his infrequent visits. There was a deal of talk on the possibility of forming reciprocal relations with several American clubs, a project which R. L. Baker supported with all the help he could give. His efforts, and the efforts of other members of the Club's Committee, met with fruition the following year, when associations were formed with Los Angeles Athletic Club, and later with the New York Athletic Club.

ANOTHER October, 1932, visitor was Ray Dunlop, American Davis Cup player, granted honorary membership during his stay in Sydney.

THE 1932 Inter-Club Games Competition was in an interesting stage. October saw ourselves and the C.T.A. Club running neck-and-neck, with Masonic only a point behind. A

play-off for first place was down for November 30th — C.T.A. were strong favourites, having beaten us handsomely at the previous meeting.

INTERESTING to recall the players in the Inter-Club games. Bridge was played by F. Viner-Hall and F. Williams; L. Bloom and F. B. Plasto; V. Burleigh and G. P. Chiene; J. A. Roles and M. Gearin. Billiards was played by W. Longworth, A. V. Miller and C. E. Young; snooker by Hans Robertson, J. L. Normoyle and A. G. Gillespie. Two youngsters represented us in the dominoes — Ned Moss and evergreen Alf Genge. All were in the strictest training for the finals on 30th November, 1932.

THE Golf Club had its September, 1932, outing at Manly, the October at Oatlands. It's a commentary on the times that the Golf Committee's decision to reduce the charge from 10/- to 5/- each made a striking difference for the second outing. W. A. Boyd took the honours in September with one-up. The Oatlands day was filled with mixed foursomes, Mr. and Mrs. Daly being the winners.

THE Club's dining room in 1932 was still the "old" dining room — where the lounge and coffee room are now. Twice a week there was music provided by the Personality Girls' Trio — remember them?



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Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	24
(At Canterbury)				

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	7
(At Rosehill)				
Australian Jockey Club	....	....	Sat.	14
(At Warwick Farm)				

Australian Jockey Club	....	....	Sat.	21
(At Warwick Farm)				
Australian Jockey Club	....	....	Sat.	28

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	....	....	Sat.	5
(At Rosehill)				
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	12
(At Rosehill)				

Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	19
(At Randwick)				

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Probably it was the biggest single deal ever made in Australian breeding.

And there it stands. Damnos and Charleval will be represented with their first crops at the yearling sales next Easter. Woodlands is not worried on the results. Fletcher knows the yearlings are good. He is with them every day, and he knows how they have developed since the day they were dropped.

The stud is a village on its own. The homes of the employees cluster round the home-stead. Regularly the latest in talking pictures are screened for their entertainment.

In fact picture night at Woodlands is the night when the neighbourhood — and that means an area many miles in diameter — congregates in a happy social gathering.

In the quiet of towering mountains at the foot of which flows the lazy Hunter all the conveniences and comforts of the city have been transplanted to make more comfortable the lot of the countryman and his family.

N.Z. Melbourne Cup Hopes

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My Hero finished third in the New Zealand Derby, second in the Dunedin Guineas and was placed in four handicaps. He again was far from being in luck's way at four years as he won once only — C.J.C. Islington Handicap, 1½ miles, with 8.7. However, his minor placings included a second in the New Zealand Cup (2 miles) with 7.13, and a similar placing with 8.1 in the Wellington Cup (2 miles) to Reformed. He also was second in the same Club's Summer Handicap, 1½ miles, with 8.5, to Rev.

My Hero at five years won Canterbury Cup, 1½ miles, with 9.4 — an excellent effort — and was second in the Freyberg Cup, 1½ miles, at Ohinemuri, with 9st. His fourth in the Auckland Cup (2 miles), with 8.10, in record time, 3.19½, for New Zealand, was a good effort as he covered far too much ground.

Windsor is noted as a mud-lark, so if Flemington is rain-soaked on Cup day his winning prospects will be enhanced. He has won at two miles — as a 5-year-old last season.

Earldom is a Balloch (imp.) stallion, also 6 years, and his best form has been shown at distances less than the two

miles of the Melbourne Cup. His Australian displays are well known to members and to readers of this article.

Reformed is an aged gelding and this group hasn't done much in the two miler. However, he was placed at Flemington last spring and that is one pointer in his favour. He won the Wellington Cup (2 miles) as a five-year-old with 7.9, beating My Hero, a race in which Dalray finished second, but was relegated to fourth place by Stewards.

Royal Tower is an aged Nightly gelding and a winner up to 1½ miles.

New Zealand bred three year-olds and also two-year-olds are expected to be in the news during the Melbourne round of spring fixtures.

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Prince Morvi Wins A.J.C. Derby

Finishing strongly under Jockey Neville Sellwood, Prince Morvi, a brown colt by Gaekwar's Pride, won the A.J.C. Derby at Randwick on 3rd October. Mr. Stephen Blau and Mr. Jack Harris are the owners; Mr. Harris did not see the race, as he was at home with influenza, but members had the opportunity of congratulating both the owners in the Club later in the week.

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